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- 1. Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) leaders continue to lay plans for intensive Party action against the Bolivian Government. Courses of action have been outlined by cell leaders for the continuance of propaganda in favor of the MNR, for major street fights with members of opposition parties, and for public demonstrations and disturbances. The collection of arms and ammunition continues; courses in the use of arms are held; and courses in the art of street fighting are being conducted by all cell leaders. Many cell members have been chosen by the MNR executive committee to receive special instruction in the management of various ministries, such as Government, Immigration, Police, Treasury, etc., in an effort to have these ministries under efficient control should a successful revolution be staged.
- 2. According to source, various MNR leaders have been discussing the idea of creating some major disturbance such as a fire or accident in an effort to effect the concentration of a large number of police and secret service agents in one particular area, while other MNR members create further disturbances elsewhere. The effect of this maneuvre would be to spread confusion and disorder throughout the city. This plan is also being considered as a possible means of seizing the Palacio and other Government buildings without too much fighting. Source reports that these plans at present are principally in the discussion stage. They will be put into operation only should the Executive Committee decide that they offer the greatest opportunity for success.

